

Socialists fail entirely to see this to them
 he extends very
 short shrift Thus, in a vigorous passage, he
 declares

"What hinders the formation of a separate
 Socialist party in
 England is always that the increase of Socialism
 is so much
 faster than that of professed or organised Socialists
 By the time
 the professed Socialists were weaned from their
 primitive policy
 of the 'conveision of England⁵ and the formation of
 an all-power-
 ful Socialist Party, to a policy of permeating the
 existing parties,
 the horizon was widened by the rise of
 Imperialism, and the
 advent of modern world-politics The Socialists,
 having no
 views of their own on foreign politics, immediately
 found their
 boom of 1885-92 collapsing, for a time, they could
 only account
 for this by the 'apathy of the working classes '
 When the war
 came, the secret was out Outside the two
 spheres of labour
 and local government, the majority of the Socialist
 leaders proved
 to be, with icgaid to the Butish Empire, mere
 administrative
 Nihilists—that is to say, ultia-Nationalist, ultra-
 Gladstoman,
 Old-Liberal to the fingertips They out-Morleyed
 Morley on
 the burning topic of the day, and now, the
 Independent Labour
 Party is as hopelessly out of the running as the
 Gladstoman
 Paity"

No Front Bench, so he assures Rosebery, can
 be really
 effective, still less can it cross the floor of the
 House of
 Commons, unless

"it expresses not alone the views of its own
 political partisans,
 but also the inarticulate criticism of the mass of
 the people "

What citizens are wanting is

"virility in government, virility in South Africa,
 virility in our
 relations with the rest of the world, and, by no
 means least,
 virility in grappling with the problems of domestic
 administra-
 tion "

So far as the Bntish Empire is concerned,

"Our obvious duty is deliberately so to

organise it as to
promote the maximum development of each
individual state
within its bounds As with the factory or the slum
at home, this
maximum development will not be secured by
allowing
each unit to pursue its own ends without reference
to the welfare
of the whole "